

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Saavedra et al.)	
)	Group 1615
Serial No. 08/837,812)	
)	Examiner P. Kulkosky
Filed: April 22, 1997)	
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For: Biopolymer-Bound Nitric)	
Oxide-Releasing Compositions,)	
Pharmaceutical Compositions)	
Incorporating Same and)	
Methods of Treating)	
Biological Disorders Using)	
Same)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the Declaration of Dr. Joseph A. Hrabie to show that the specification enables one skilled in the art to make the wide variety of nitric oxide-releasing diazeniumdiolate biopolymers that are claimed. Thus, the subject application is enabling for the breadth of the claims, without undue experimentation by one skilled in the art.

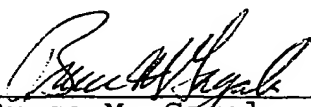
The application is in good and proper form for allowance. Accordingly, prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Signed at Chicago, in the County of Cook, and State of Illinois, this 2nd day of April, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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